



**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
FAMILY AND MORALE, WELFARE AND RECREATION COMMAND  
US ARMY INSTALLATION MANAGEMENT COMMAND  
4700 KING STREET  
ALEXANDRIA VA 22302-44**

**S: 31 March 2009**

**IMWR-CR-E**

**9 January 2009**

**MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION**

**SUBJECT: Nomination of Performers and Technicians for 2009 USA Express**

1. The USA Express (UE), Army Entertainment Division's Deployable Musical Performance Group, is a high energy, six to seven person, top 40-variety show group, produced by the US Army Entertainment Division (USAED). Initiated primarily as an entertainment resource for mobilization and deployment support, UE operates in CONUS and OCONUS locations. Geared musically for Soldiers 18-25 years of age, but suited for all ages, UE performance groups are highly deployable and mobile, touring to remote installations, training sites and isolated combat contingency areas. The group is comprised of active duty, National Guard/Reserve military musicians and singers chosen for their outstanding military performance, attitude, musical ability, and versatility.

2. The USAED is now recruiting for UE 2009 tour season. The USAED is currently seeking Soldier instrumentalists, vocal performers, and an audio technician. Primary instrumentalists sought include keyboard, bass guitar, lead guitar, and drums. Other instrumentalists may apply to be part of the group. Vocal performers are required to be comfortable with all idioms of music, to have movement ability and to be able to communicate effectively with an audience. The audio technician must be qualified to operate a PA SYSTEM, including the ability to operate a basic digital audio sound mixer and have a rudimentary knowledge of audio equalization.

3. Interested Soldiers should submit a complete packet to: US Army Entertainment Division, Attn: USA Express, PO Box 439, Fort Belvoir, VA 22060 NLT 31 March 2009. **For FEDEX or UPS use this address: 6091 Jackson Loop, Bldg 1434, Fort Belvoir, VA 22060.** In the event that meeting the deadline is not possible, Soldiers may submit a packet at any time during the year for consideration to tour with Army Entertainment programs in the future. The nomination packet must include the following:

- a. A detailed resume outlining experience.
- b. A copy of the enlisted records brief (ERB) and current DA photo.
- c. Letter of intent to release if selected to tour during the 2009 touring season.

IMWR-CR-E

SUBJECT: Nomination of Performers and Technicians for 2009 USA Express

- d. The latest record APFT (within six months).
  - e. Copies of the last two NCOER's, if applicable.
  - f. Memorandum of Release and Recommendation, signed by their commander covering the period 1 May 2009 through 15 September 2009 should be included in the packet, although exceptions can be made on a case by case basis. A sample of the release can be requested by email from [cordell.hall@us.army.mil](mailto:cordell.hall@us.army.mil)). Soldiers will be attached to the Army Entertainment Detachment for all personnel administration, billeting and UCMJ purposes.
  - g. Soldiers must meet height and weight standards IAW AR 600-9.
  - h. Soldiers should ensure data in the Enlisted Distribution Assignment System (EDAS) accurately reflects current information as Detachment Command will conduct a thorough screening of all applicants.
  - i. Must be fully deployable worldwide. Soldiers who are not deployable worldwide for any reason (to include, but not limited to, health, family and legal reasons) are not eligible.
  - j. National Guard and Reserve personnel must be placed on active duty for the period of tour and their command must be willing to sponsor them for the period of activation for pay and allowances. All other costs will be borne by this Headquarters.
4. For additional information or musical questions, contact Mr. Cordell Hall, USA Express Program Manager and Musical Director, USAED at 703-806-3220, DSN 656-3220, Fax 703-806-5251, DSN Fax 656-5251, or via email at [cordell.hall@us.army.mil](mailto:cordell.hall@us.army.mil)).
5. For military inquiries, contact 1SG Cynthia Moody, Army Entertainment Detachment at 703-806-4937, DSN 656-4937 or via email at [cynthia.moody@us.army.mil](mailto:cynthia.moody@us.army.mil).



PAUL R. ROHLER

Director, Soldier and Community Recreation

IMWR-CR-E

SUBJECT: Nomination of Performers and Technicians for 2009 USA Express

DISTRIBUTION:

DIRECTOR

IMCOM WEST REGION

IMCOM NORTHEAST REGION

IMCOM SOUTHEAST REGION

IMCOM KOREA REGION

IMCOM PACIFIC REGION

IMCOM EUROPE REGION